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TAGS: SREF, SHUM, UR, US (KATZ, JESSICA) SUBJECT: SICK CHILD OF MOSCOW REFUSENIKS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 11331, (B) STATE 114271

- 1. IN AN UNSIGNED ARTICLE ON INTERNATIONAL LIFE PAGE OF MAY 24, LITERATURNAYA GAZETIA, KATZ CASE RECEIVED TYPICALLY BIASED SOVIET ATTENTION. ARTICLE TITLED "TOUCHING CONCERN OF THE EDITORS OF THE WASHINGTON STAR" WAS IN RESPONSE TO A WASHINGTON STAR EDITORIAL ON THE KATZ CHILD. THE ARTICLE ALLEGED THAT MR. BORIS KATZ' CONCERN FOR HIS DAUGHTER WAS MOTIVATED BY HIS DESIRE TO DESERT HIS MOTHERLAND (POKINUT' RODINU).
- 2. ARTICLE CONTAINED AN INTERVIEW WITH SENIOR SOVIET MEDICAL SPECIALIST, DR. SVIRSKIY, WHO STATED THAT KATZ BABY COULD BE TREATED IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE ARTICLE THEN WENT ON TO DISPARAGE THE AMERICAN PRESS CLAIMS THAT THE KATZ BABY COULD NOT BE TREATED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE SOVIET UNION.
- 3. COMMENT: THIS IS ANOTHER SHOT IN THE LONG PRESS WAR OVER THE KATZ EMIGRATION CASE. WE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY CONFIDENTIAL

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